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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 8680

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MEA BRIEFS MISSIONS ON THE EMERGENCY

REF: NEW DELHI 8494 (NOTAL)

1. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CALLED IN ALMOST ALL OF THE MISSIONS ACCREDITED HERE ON JUNE 26 AND 27 TO BRIEF THE AMBASSADORS ON THE EMERGENCY.

THE SESSIONS, PRESENTED TO HEADS OF MISSION BY REGIONAL GROUPS, DIFFERED IN NO IMPORTANT RESPECT FROM KEWAL SINGH'S BRIEFING TO THE CHARGE. TRIVEDI, HOWEVER, PUT CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS ON THE ECONOMIC DAMAGE WHICH WOULD HAVE RESULTED HAD THE OPPOSITION BEEN ABLE TO PERSIST. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE WAS NO ALLUSION TO ANY OUTSIDE OR FOREIGN ROLE IN ANY OF THE BRIEFING SESSIONS. TRIVEDI SAID THAT ALL MISSIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION NORMALLY.

2. THE PRC MISSION WAS NOT BRIEFED. TRIVEDI TOLD THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IT WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE.

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3. JOINT SECRETARY A.S. CHIB TOLD THE POLITICAL

COUNSELOR THAT THE GOI WAS PLEASED WITH THE PAKISTANI
ATTITUDE. (HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO THE VIRTUALLY
"NO COMMENT" STANCE OF THE GOP SPOKESMAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THE EMERGENCY.) THE GOI HAS NOT HOWEVER SENT ANY SPECIAL MESSAGE
TO THE GOP. THE INDIAN EXPERT DELEGATION ON THE SALAL
DAM PLANS TO DEPART AS SCHEDULED ON JULY 1 FOR PAKISTAN.

4. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE MEA TOLD THE SOVIETS, BUT
WE HOPE TO FIND OUT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. WE ARE AWARE
THAT THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE THE ONLY COUNTRIES BRIEFED
INDIVIDUALLY, AND THAT THE US WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO BE
BRIEFED.
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